

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this case. Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-16 will be pending in the case.

The Office Action alleges that there is a lack of unity, contending that the claims are directed to more than one species that are not so linked so as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The Office Action requests Applicant to elect a single species and to identify the claims that read on the elected species.

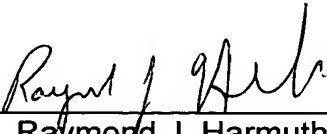
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, noting that both the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority did not find a lack of unity with the present invention.

However, to be responsive to the Office Action Applicants hereby elect the combination of the active compound of Group 1 of the compound 2-(4-thio-carbamoyl-2-fluoro-5-ethylsulphonylamino-phenyl)-4-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one with iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium (as the compound selected from Group 2. See among other places, Claim 1 as originally filed for support for this election. Claims 1-9 read on the elected species.

While the Examiner is not bound by what is occurring in foreign prosecution of this case, Applicants would like to point out that in a corresponding European case, Applicants are prosecuting in a single case the elected species for Group 1 elected above in combination with the class of sulfonylureas (as disclosed on page 16, lines 6-11 of the specification) or the class of triazolopyrimidines (as disclosed on page 16, lines 14-15 of the specification) along with optionally one or more compounds selected from Group 3 in one single case. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner broaden the present application to at least that limit, and in that regard,

Applicants have added new Claims 10 through 16 to cover such subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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